

Baxter Springs News.

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BAXTER SPRINGS, - KANSAS

GENERAL COMMENTS.

CATS are taxed in Saxony.

A CIGAR trust is the latest imposition of its kind.

MUSCLE without brains doesn't amount to much in the battle of life.

PUBLIC men have to do something more than scrub to keep their offices clean.

ACCORDING to the latest census bulletin there are no longer any open cattle ranges in Kansas.

BESIDES all his poetical and other literary work, Sir Edward Arnold has written 8,000 one-column newspaper leaders in the past thirty years.

BEFORE he was a politician Parrell was a great cricketer. He was not, however, popular, and on one occasion, when an umpire decided against him, he exhibited most violent temper.

THE Hiawatha women who used pitchforks on the picturesque lithographs of the English skirt dancers, suffered no more anger than their husbands who attended the theater and were disappointed with a decent show.

It is said that Emperor William is chafing under the hesitation of the czar in returning his visit. The emperor should remember the danger attending an airing of the czar in Russia.

A WAR is going on between the trust and anti-trust watchmakers in this country. Of course the monopolists in this branch of trade have to keep time with the policy of the trusts in other branches of business.

QUEEN VICTORIA has prohibited smoking in Windsor Palace. The unusual verdict would be that the queen was in her dotage if it was not generally known that the prince of Wales smokes cigarettes.

KANSAS may be pardoned for feeling proud over the fact that their state, according to a recent census bulletin, is at the head of states in the record of attendance of children upon the school sessions, being 280 per thousand of population.

AN engineer has discovered that the surface of Lake Erie has fallen several feet, and he wants to know what the reason is. Evidently this engineer is not an Irishman, or he would have come to the conclusion at once that the water had gone to the bottom of the lake.

THE crown prince of Japan, who is at present in the school for nobles at Tokio, is said to be a bright and industrious boy. He has just finished the fourth year in the elementary department. It is said that he did not miss one day at school during the past year.

THE New York World announces that more than one-fourth of the sum necessary to bring Mrs. Maybrick's case before the English courts has already been subscribed, and says that her American counsel has found fresh and important evidence, which was unknown at the time of the trial.

DR. WILEY, chief chemist of the department of agriculture, has been in Kansas investigating the sorghum sugar industry. He feels very much encouraged. A new variety of cane has been developed at the Sterling station which the doctor thinks superior to the Louisiana cane for sugar making purposes.

GEORGE KENNAN declares that the czar means well, but his judgment is bad. Just how a man who knows that hundreds of his best subjects are murdered every year for their opinions can "mean well" Mr. Kennan ought to explain. If the nihilists were to clean out the entire royal family of Russia they would be doing humanity a service.

A BERLIN physician writes that twenty-two different species of bacteria find a lodgment in the human mouth. Kissing he pronounces to be a habit of untold danger, and one which should be abandoned. If, however, the human man family entire cannot be persuaded to reform in respect to osculation, the writer suggests the use of respirators by those who persist in the error of their ways.

THE ELECTIONS TUESDAY.

Latest Dispatches From Important States.

Ohio and Pennsylvania Republican-New York and Massachusetts Democratic-Iowa Doubtful-Congressional Results, Etc.

KANSAS.

KANSAS CITY, November 4.—Dispatches received from all parts of Kansas indicate republican success in most of the counties. These dispatches are from about sixty-five of the one hundred and six counties of the state. The people's party was successful in not more than six of the counties reported and in all of the state there are large decreases of the people's vote, while the republicans made heavy gains. In most of the counties the democrats had tickets in the field and in a few instances they increased their strength over the vote of last year.

Judges were elected in the judicial districts and a hard fight was made in each instance. In two of the closer districts the republicans and democrats combined and the fusion candidates, both of whom were democrats, were elected. The people's party only elected one out of the nine, Bashore in the 28th district. A democrat is probably elected in one of the western districts. The others are republicans.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, November 4.—Roswell P. Flower has been elected to succeed David B. Hill as governor of New York. Late last night his plurality was estimated at 40,000.

New York gave Flower 53,000 plurality and Brooklyn gave him 14,000 plurality.

Fassett failed to carry his own city, Elmira, giving Flower a plurality of 504 votes.

Fassett ran behind the vote cast for Miller in Jefferson, Clinton, Essex, Wyoming and Montgomery counties, while Flower's gains on a decreased vote were ahead of Hill's. Flower gained 500 votes in the four wards of Watertown.

The vote here was light, only about 220,000 persons, out of a registration of 261,532, voting. In the Hill-Miller campaign more than 271,000 votes were polled. Governor Hill's plurality was 69,000.

At 10 o'clock last night Governor Hill sent a telegram to Police Commissioner Martin claiming the state for Flower by 40,000 plurality. Flower's estimate of his majority last night was 54,000.

Returns received by the associated press up to noon to-day show that the democrats have elected fourteen senators and the republicans fourteen. Four districts are still in doubt, but the returns so far received indicate that the democrats will carry three of these and the republicans one. The senate will thus have a democratic majority of 2.

The same returns indicate that the assembly will stand 61 republicans, 64 democrats and one county democrat who was endorsed by the republicans. Of the democratic seats four are still in some doubt and of the republicans, one.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, November 4, 12 m.—It is estimated that in the whole state Russell has received 150,000 votes and Allen 151,000, leaving the governor a plurality of about 5,000.

The vote of Boston is 36,512 for Russell and 22,887 for Allen, which gives the democrats a plurality in the city of 13,525.

An analysis of the returns from 233 out of the 323 towns in the state shows that Allen gained over Brackett in Chelsea and Somerville and relatively in Holyoke. On the other hand, Russell has made net gains in New Bedford, Lawrence, Fall River, Salem, Chicopee and elsewhere.

Lieutenant Governor Halle and the rest of the republican state ticket are elected by ample pluralities. State Auditor Trefry (dem.) is defeated. In most places he ran behind Corcoran on the democratic ticket.

The returns for the legislature are very complete. Of twenty-six complete returns from the senate, seventeen are republican, among the surprises being the defeat of Robert Howard of Fall River. The senate will be republican. The house has complete returns from 127 members, a little more than one-half, and these stand 82 republicans to 45 democrats. Speaker Barrett is re-elected by twice his last year's plurality. The executive council will probably stand seven republicans to one democrat.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, November 4, 12 m.—Returns from the election still come in slowly. At the state headquarters of the two parties unofficial information has been obtained from probably half of the eighty-eight counties. Chairman Hahn of the republican committee claims that the plurality of McKinley will be between 19,000 and 21,000, and that the general assembly will be thirty-seven republican on joint ballot. The people's party vote in the state will not exceed 11,500, and they claimed before the election at least 75,000.

The prohibitionists will lose 7,000 votes from last year, polling probably 16,000. This loss is traced to republican counties and partially accounts for republican gains in the strongholds. The total vote in the state is estimated at close to 700,000 and will equal that cast in the last presidential contest.

The last general assembly changed in the house: Democrats 53, republicans 51; senate, republicans 17, democrats 19. Under a new apportionment the next assembly just elected will probably be composed as follows: Sen-

ate, 18 republicans, 13 democrats; house republicans, 70, democrats 39.

IOWA.

DES MOINES, Ia., November 4.—The Register (Rep.), owned by Colonel J. M. Clarkson, chairman of the republican national committee, the recognized republican state organ, says:

"The republicans are hopeful. The returns on governor are not exhilarating, but the country precincts may yet elect Wheeler."

The Leader (Dem.) says: "The day is ours. There have been democratic gains all over the state. Boies is elected. Two hundred and fifty-five precincts give Wheeler 6,556 and Boies 6,993; net democratic gain, 540."

Compilations show that the democrats have made large gains in the counties of Decatur, Dickinson, Carr, Emmett, Marion, Wayne, Palo Alto, Pottawatomie, O'Brien, Dubuque, Des Moines, Jackson, Johnson, Carroll, Warren, Fayette, Marshall, Woodbury, Scott and Lee. The republican gains have generally been in Black Hawk, Marshall, Polk and a few interior counties containing no large cities. It is estimated that the total vote will reach 420,000, the largest ever cast in Iowa. Dubuque reports an increased vote of more than 1,000 over two years ago, which, as this city is overwhelmingly democratic, means a largely increased majority for Boies. Burlington reports an increased majority for Boies of over 200 over that of two years ago. The democratic strongholds along the river and in river towns, where the prohibition law is particularly obnoxious, have largely increased the majorities given Governor Boies two years ago.

Official and unofficial returns from twenty-four out of a total of ninety-nine counties in the state give a plurality of 15,158 for Boies; the same counties in 1899 gave Boies a plurality of 9,618, making a net democratic gain of 5,540 in these counties, which are mostly democratic strongholds. The remaining seventy-five counties in 1899 gave a republican plurality of 3,065, but the republicans confidently expect a largely increased plurality from these counties this year.

3 p. m.—The republicans now claim the election of their candidate, Van Houten, for lieutenant governor; they also claim that the house is republican by four, and that the senate is in doubt, with the probability of a tie. The presiding officer being a republican.

ELSEWHERE.

PHILADELPHIA, November 4.—At 2 o'clock this morning the complete returns from the entire state show Gregg, republican, for auditor general, had 50,883 plurality over Wright, democrat, and Morrison, republican, for state treasurer, 47,467 plurality over Tilden, democrat. The republicans carried this city by about 20,000. The proposition for holding a constitutional convention was overwhelmingly defeated throughout the state.

TRENTON, N. J., November 4.—The returns up to 1 o'clock this morning indicated the election of the entire democratic senatorial ticket in New Jersey and forty-one out of sixty assemblies. This will give the democrats a majority of 33 on joint ballot in the legislature, probably the largest majority ever held by either party in the legislature.

DENVER, November 4.—Returns from the county and state are coming in unusually slow, and it is yet impossible to give any exact figures of yesterday's election. Returns from 75 precincts in the city and county out of 153, give Burchinal, republican, for sheriff, a majority of 3,500. His majority will probably reach 5,000. He has undoubtedly run ahead of his ticket, the remainder of which have a majority ranging from 1,500 to 3,000. Judge Helm, republican, will be elected chief justice by over 5,000.

OMAHA, Neb., November 4.—At 1 o'clock this morning Chairman Mercer of the republican state central committee estimated that if the republicans gains, then being received, continued, the majority in the state for Post, republican candidate for supreme judge, would be between 20,000 and 25,000. This majority placed Post's majority in Douglas county at about 5,000, which is very low.

Congressional.

CHICAGO, November 4.—Special dispatch from Washington, D. C., to the Tribune says: Six congressmen to fill vacancies were elected yesterday. In the fifth Michigan district, vacated by the death of M. E. Ford, democrat, Charles E. Belknap, republican, was elected over John T. Lawrence, democrat by from 1200 to 1500 votes.

In the twenty-second New York district the seat lately resigned by J. W. Russell, republican, was filled by N. M. Curtis, republican, he having defeated W. F. Porter, democrat, by a considerable majority.

The second South Dakota district, vacated by the death of John M. Gamble, republican, elected John J. Jolley, republican, by about 4,000 majority, he beating J. M. Woods, democrat, and H. W. Smith, independent.

In the second New York district, Alfred C. Chapin, democrat, ex-major of Brooklyn, was elected to the seat resigned by David A. Boddy, democrat, beating Henry Bristol, republican.

In the tenth New York district, Bourke Cochran, Tammany democrat, defeated James B. Townsend, republican, and John Houser, social labor. This seat was vacated by the death of Gen. Spinola.

The twelfth New York district was the one represented by Roswell P. Flower. He resigned to run for governor and the candidates were William McMichael, republican, Joseph L. Little, democrat. Little was elected.

CHICAGO, November 4.—Complete returns received from every precinct in Cook county show that the entire republican ticket was elected yesterday. Not a man seems to be missed,

GENERAL REVIEW

Of the World's Happenings for a Week, in Brief.

Foreign and Domestic Pointers About Individuals—The General Course of Events—The Condition of Finances and Crops.

Burglars robbed the residence of Squire Duncan at New Memphis, Ill., of \$240.

The eleventh annual session of the national farmers' congress will convene at Sedalia, Mo., November 10th.

Fayetteville, Ill., seems to be unlucky. Three persons were fatally injured at different places there in one day.

Ed Williams, a farm hand, was found dead on the track of the Panhandle road, near Marion, Ind.

At Lumpkin, Ga., S. P. Owen was found guilty of bigamy and sentenced to prison for four years.

The trial of ex-State Treasurer Woodruff, who stole \$90,000 from the state of Arkansas, is in session at Little Rock.

A horse thief named Benson escaped from a deputy marshal at Atoka, I. T., Monday. He is also wanted for murder.

Inquiry proves that none of the revolutionists executed by General Garcia were Americans, as was previously reported.

Tom Williamson, the murderer, says his mind is on God, and he wants a separate cell so as to prepare for hanging.

Sheridan Ford of London, has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or three months' imprisonment for literary piracy.

In a saloon row at Ottumwa, Iowa, Frank Howard stabbed Carroll Jones in the neck three times, inflicting fatal injuries.

General Donegan stabbed Jim Battey to the heart at Oxana, Ala., because Battey accused him of stealing a pint of whisky.

W. P. Burgess had C. E. Stem, ex-paying teller of the Cleveland, Ohio, National Exchange bank, arrested at Denver, Colo., for running away with Mrs. Burgess.

Belle Oxley, a notorious woman and horse thief, who was to have been transported to the Missouri penitentiary, sawed her way out of the Carthage jail and escaped.

The anti-foreign sentiment still prevails in the Hunan province, China, and a call has been issued to all Chinese patriots to rise and drive the hated "European pig" from the celestial land.

Sheriff Teague of Brenham, Texas, left for Fort Worth Sunday, and left a note for his deputy to the effect that if he was not back in time to go ahead and hang Murderer Hughes.

The land about the French market, New Orleans, continues to sink, and has reached the level of the river. The Louisville & Nashville road has ceased running trains to its regular depot.

Hiram Kauffman went to church at Greenwood, Ill., Sunday evening, and while absorbed in devotion was struck on the head with a wrench by Roy Skinner, fracturing the skull. Skinner escaped.

Charles Porter shot and killed Rufus Jackson at Little Rock, Ark., while Jackson was returning from church, and escaped. Porter was infuriated with Jackson's wife. Both colored.

The humorous side of Irish politics is nearly worn out. Mr. John F. Redmond threatens to publicly slap Tim Healey's face if the latter does not stop abusing him.

Edward Kohout was released from the New York state prison, it having been proved that he was innocent of the crime of arson, for which he was sentenced for life.

Colonel Benjamin Yancey, who died Sunday in Floyd county, Ala., was a brother of the famous William L. Yancey, and prominent in democratic politics before the war.

Rev. J. I. Morgan, an evangelist of the Christian church, located at Mulberry Grove, Ill., was in Columbus, Ind., looking after his 15-year-old son, who left home about a year ago, and is supposed now to be doing the tramp act.

Another pretty German girl, Fronie Zeifus, has inherited a fortune in Germany, and gone to claim it. This time she was located in San Francisco, doing housework, and she was such a sweet girl that the children cried for her. Just like candy, you know.

The judgment of the lower court in the contest of the will of Samuel J. Tilden was affirmed by the New York court of appeals. By the terms of the decision the Tilden trust is rendered void, and the estate of \$8,000,000 is to be divided among the seven children of Governor Tilden's brother and sister.

A. M. Dennison, an actor connected with the Kendall company, committed suicide by cutting his throat at a New York hotel.

Field fires are burning in Clark county, Ind. Near St. Joe 4,000 bushels of corn standing were destroyed.

Fire destroyed the New England Card and Paper company's plant at Springfield, Mass., Tuesday. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$35,000.

Advices from Cardiff, Wales, state that the British steamer Boston, collided with the bark Charlwood, which sunk immediately, with sixteen persons on board.

Polish Jews had a difficulty in their synagogue at St. Joseph, Mo., during which three drunken members drove out the sober portion of the congregation.

[Al] Harris, a Santa Fe freight conductor, shot Jack King, a passenger brakeman, dead in a gambling den at Las Vegas, N. M., Monday night, and then fled.

A half tamed black bear broke loose at Menominee, Mich., Monday, and killed the 3-year-old son of M. Marquette before being killed by a rifle ball.

KANSAS MORTGAGE FACTS.

The Sunflower State Has Decreased Its Indebtedness One-Third in Three Years.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The census bureau has issued additional facts regarding the mortgages on farms and homes in Kansas. The following table gives the amount and number of mortgages filed each year in the ten years ending in 1899:

Year	Amount	Number
1880.....	18,625,284.....	34,774
1881.....	21,343,449.....	35,161
1882.....	22,410,810.....	33,496
1883.....	27,697,409.....	37,958
1884.....	39,579,854.....	50,091
1885.....	53,203,087.....	71,474
1886.....	76,259,043.....	97,195
1887.....	97,520,060.....	100,500
1888.....	69,977,822.....	87,247
1889.....	56,082,244.....	62,253

Total..... \$482,600,481 620,049

Of the total number of mortgages filed 67.03 per cent were on acres of farm lands and 32.97 per cent on homes or lots. During the ten years 53,756,190 acres were covered by mortgages, the increase being from 3,002,147 in 1880 to 8,091,343 in 1886, declining to 4,683,067 in 1889. The number of lots encumbered during the ten-year period was 530,865, increasing from 19,031 in 1880 to 121,453 in 1886 and falling to 74,918 in 1889. The average indebtedness on acres in the ten years was \$825.91; on lots, \$682.06. The average number of acres to a mortgage was 129.30; lots, 2.60, while the average incurred indebtedness per acre was \$6.39, and per lot, \$262.80. The existing debt per capita is \$165. The three counties having the largest debt are Sedgwick, \$16,583,053; Wyandotte, \$12,629,936, and Shawnee, \$11,982,000.

Killed by a Passenger Train.

ATCHISON, November 2.—Michael Wilkins was killed at a Santa Fe crossing last night. Wilkins and wife were on their way home with a load of lumber, drawn by a span of mules. Mrs. Wilkins was walking behind the wagon. As Wilkins reached the crossing the flagman saw a passenger train approaching and warned Wilkins. Before he could cross the track the engine struck the wagon, burying Wilkins under the load. His neck was broken and he was badly mangled. The body was brought to Atchison. Mrs. Wilkins escaped injury.

Wilkins was over 60 years old. He was worth about \$75,000.

Several years ago, Wilkins and his wife sued the Leavenworth, Northern & Southern railroad, a branch of the Santa Fe, for right-of-way damages. The case was carried to the Kansas supreme court, and Mrs. Wilkins, not having complete confidence in her attorneys, asked and received permission to conduct the case herself. She made a speech that was an able effort and which attracted wide-spread attention.

PLEASANTON, Kas., Oct. 29.—As J. T. Tarbitt and his son were crossing the tracks of the Memphis road, two miles north of here Tuesday, the wagon and horses were struck by a northbound passenger train. The horses were killed, the wagon demolished and Tarbitt and his son thrown to the side of the tracks. Both miraculously escaped injury.

Mortally Wounded.

FAYETTE, Mo., Nov. 2.—While Andrew Woods, a farmer living nine miles north of here, was returning home yesterday he was shot by his neighbor, Joseph O'Neill, who appeared on the road side just as Woods was passing, and pointing a shotgun at his victim deliberately pulled the trigger. The entire load of squirrel shot was discharged into Woods's stomach, and the physicians declare that it is only a question of a few hours before Woods will die.

The tragedy was the outcome of a rivalry practiced by Woods and O'Neill's wife. Both men were well to do farmers, and intense excitement prevails in the neighborhood where the killing occurred.

O'Neill came to town last evening and surrendered. The killing has caused intense excitement here. Public sentiment is divided as to whether O'Neill was justified.

The assassin has four small children while his victim has six. O'Neill has retained as his attorney Senator Sam C. Major. Woods is a cousin of Howard county's present representative, C. A. Dougherty, and the prosecution will be strongly represented.

Shot by His Brother.

READING, Kas., Nov. 2.—Yesterday afternoon Goner Bowers was sitting on the spring seat of a wagon, while his brother, Andrew Bowers of Lawrence, was sitting in the back end of the vehicle. The wagon cover was drawn between them. Goner was taking the cap off a shot gun when the hammer fell, the whole charge entering Andrew's abdomen. He will probably die. The party, consisting of four men, was on its way to Oklahoma.

Free Fight.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 2.—At a farmers' alliance mass meeting at Bucksport last night a free fight took place. Winchester rifles, shotguns and pistols were used. Burt Manning, J. H. Town and three others were killed, and several were slightly wounded. Red hot politics was the sole cause of the trouble.

Not Credited.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 2.—There is a rumor that there has been an engagement on the frontier of Guatemala and Salvador between Salvadorian refugees and Salvadorian troops and that the former were defeated. Nothing could be learned of the fight at the Salvadorian legation where the rumor is not believed.